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1. EMBOFF HAS ON TWO OCCASIONS DISCUSSED SUBJECT TRAINING PROGRAM WITH FIJI CUSTOMS COMPTROLLER GARDINER AND ALSO MENTIONED POSSIBLE CUSTOMS TRAINING PROGRAM IN PORT MORESBY. GARDINER WELCOMED ANTI-NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAM AND SAID TIMING IN FEBRUARY WOULD BE SATISFACTORY FOR FIJIANS. WHEN EMBOFF MENTIONED CUSTOMS TRAINING PROGRAM IN PORT MORESBY, GARDINER SAID HE THOUGHT CUSTOMS OFFICES IN MANY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC COUNTRIES WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO BOTH PROGRAMS SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY HAVE INSUFFICIENT STAFF. HE DOUBTED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT FIJI COULD ATTEND BOTH, IF INVITED. (EMBOFF HAD EXPLAINED THAT WE WERE UNCERTAIN ABOUT PROPOSED CUSTOMS TRAINING IN PORT MORESBY, WHETHER IT WOULD BE REGIONAL OR FOR PNG OFFICIALS ONLY.)

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2. ON SUBJECT OF PARTICIPANTS FOR ANTI-NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAM, GARDINER SAID HE FELT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO INCLUDE NEW HEBRIDES, NEW CALEDONIA AND FRENCH POLYNESIA AS WELL AS FORUM MEMBERS. ALTHOUGH HE UNDERSTOOD THAT SIZE OF TRAINING GROUP MUST BE LIMITED, HE THOUGHT THAT SOME OF THE SMALLER FORUM MEMBERS, SUCH AS TUVALU, WOULD BE ABLE TO SEND ONLY ONE PARTICIPANT WHETHER FROM THE POLICE OR CUSTOMS.

GARDINER SAID THAT FRENCH TERRITORIES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT  
NARCOTICS TRADE, AND HE FELT THEY WOULD LIKE TO  
PARTICIPATE IN TNG PROGRAM.  
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